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Dear Sir:

With reference to the Official Action dated October 5, 2005, the undersigned hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to April 5, 2006, in which to respond.

A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed herewith. In the event any additional fee becomes due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2839.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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